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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to President from a Muslim
Social Group in Bombay, India

On November 8, S.A. Merchant, secretary of a committee of Bombay Muslims who are organizing a celebration of the Idd-e-Gadir Muslim holiday, wrote the President asking for a message and a photograph for possible inclusion in a souvenir pamphlet being published for the occasion. Since we have no information regarding the organization, we have limited ourselves to a brief reply which we are sending to our Consulate General in Bombay for forwarding at its discretion.

George S. Springsteen
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Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Reply to Mr. Merchant
2. Incoming Correspondence

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Mr. S.A. Merchant, Secretary
The Gadir Committee
18/20 Samuel Street, 3rd Floor
Bombay 400009 India

Dear Mr. Merchant:

President Ford has asked that we thank you for your letter of November 8 regarding the forthcoming meeting you are holding to celebrate Idd-e-Gadir. In accordance with your request, a photograph of President Ford is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Kux", written over the typed name.

Dennis Kux
Acting Country Director for
India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka

Enclosure:

Photograph of President Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: The Department of State

Date: November 26, 1974

Attn: Mr. George Springsteen

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.

☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

☒ On behalf of the President.
☒ Direct reply. the President.
☒ Furnish information copy.

☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

☐ For your information.

☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 72 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

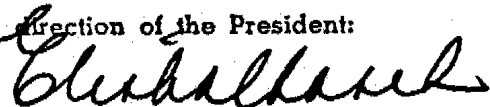
Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
 To: The President
 From: "Gadir Committee", Hon. Secretary, S.A. Merchant, 18/20 Samuel Street,
 Date: Nov. 8, 1974 3rd Floor, Bombay-400 009
 Subject: Request message and photo for "IDD-E-GADIR" (the day of Proclamation of
 Hazrat ALI (A.S.) as MOULA by Holy Prophet Mohammed (A.S.), Jan. 1, 1975,
 in Bombay.

By direction of the President:


 Eliska Hasek
 Staff Assistant

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message
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8th November, 74.

Mr. J. Ford,
The Hon. President of U.S.A.,
White House,
Washington. (U.S.A.)

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Respected Sir,

You will be pleased to know that under the auspices of "GADIR COMMITTEE" a Public Meeting of Muslims will be held on the 1st of January, 1975 at 9.30 P.M. at Samuel Street, Dongri, Bombay-9 to celebrate 'IDD-E-GADIR' (the day of Proclamation of Hazrat ALI (A.S.) as MOULA by Holy Prophet Mohammed (A.S.)).

The meeting will be presided by MOULANA SAYYED ABBAS RIZVI SAHEB - the well-known Speaker and leader of Shia Muslims in Bombay. Prominent people of Bombay and India, including Ministers, Municipal Corporators, leading Religious Heads, Poets, Press Reporters etc. have been invited to attend the meeting.

A Special Souvenir befitting to the occasion will also be published. The Souvenir will contain Messages, Articles, Poems etc., contributed by people of distinction.

May I, therefore, have the pleasure of requesting you to spare some time to send us your Message on the Occasion referred to above so as to reach us on or before the 10th December, 1974. I would deem it a great favour if your message is accompanied with your Photograph.

Thanking you and looking forward to receiving your early response,

Yours truly,
for "GADIR COMMITTEE",

Shaukat Ali
Hon. Secretary.

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